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ISRAEL-LEBANON
Talking Points for DCI and DDCI
(as of 0600EDT 18 June 1982)

The military situation--

- There have been no major changes in the status of Israeli forces in the last few days.
- The Israelis are continuing to consolidate their positions around Beirut and keep up the psychological pressure on the PLO in Beirut.
- The Israelis are also continuing small scale probes against the Syrians on the Beirut-Damascus road.
- There have been no major changes in the status of Israeli or Syrian forces in the Bekaa Valley.

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Most of the action is now clearly in the political sphere. Ambassador Habib has been in Beirut for the last few days where he has been attempting to hammer out an agreement between major Lebanese leaders on the formation of a new government and on settling the status of the PLO.

- Habib reports that he can see the broad outlines of a consensus among Lebanese leaders for the following:
 - Strong support among both Christians and Muslims for a vigorous central government and army.
 - A "dramatic reduction" of the Syrian military presence in Lebanon.
 - Near-agreement by even Muslims on disarming the PLO and bringing it under the authority of the army. Many Muslims, however, still appear to want the PLO to have a political status in Lebanon.
 - An end to the Christian controlled enclave along the Israeli border.
 - Acceptance of Israel's demand for a 40 km zone and an expanded peace-keeping force with a strong mandate.

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The Israeli cabinet yesterday agreed to a request by Habib to give the Lebanese government 48 hours to work out an accord with the Palestinians allowing the army into West Beirut.

-- The request had been relayed to Habib by Lebanese Prime Minister Wazzan who is the key negotiator with PLO leader Yasir Arafat.

-- Arafat and his fellow moderates in the PLO leadership seem willing to come to an agreement ending their military status in Beirut. 

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We are beginning to receive indications that the Syrians are unhappy with the political developments in Beirut.

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-- There are also signs that the Syrians may refuse requests by President Sarkis to withdraw their troops, claiming that he is acting under Israeli and US pressure.



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There was no fighting during the night in the Beirut area, although limited artillery exchanges occurred in the airport area yesterday evening. [redacted]

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Military Situation

-- There are reports this morning of artillery exchanges between Syrian and IDF positions in the Alayh area. [redacted]

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-- The Israelis apparently continue to probe toward Syrian positions in Alayh. [redacted]

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-- Israeli military activity continues in Beirut's southern suburbs around the airport where Palestinian forces still hold out. [redacted]

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